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1. The two southern slipways in the Larnarv Shipyards in Varnemuende were completed prior to 12 July 1952. At that date, two other slipways adjoining on the north were still undergoing foundation work. The excavation operations had been finished in early June. The new shipbuilding shed west of the slipways was completed in early July and was to be put into operation by the end of July when its mechanical equipment was to be installed.
2. Work on the S.S. Yuri Dolgoruki and the S.S. Sovetski Soyuz progressed slowly because of the shortage of copper sheets, copper wire, electrical instruments and especially switchboards. About 50 laborers worked on the S.S. Yuri Dolgoruki in early July. The S.S. Mudyug returned from her shakedown runs in early May during which minor defects in her boiler plant became obvious and, from 16 to 21 June, put out for another series of shakedown runs which proved satisfactory to the shipyard management. She attained an average speed of 11.2 knots. She had to return to the shipyard to undergo a repair of her electrical installations. Work on the S.S. Yakutsk also progressed slowly despite the pressure exerted by the management. Lack of electrical parts was the main bottleneck and made it impossible to meet the delivery date, which originally was set for 3 June but was postponed until 1 August 1952. The shakedown run of this vessel had been planned for mid-July. Two thirds of the cabins had been completed on the S.S. Admiral Bakharov. Each cabin had four to six berths and very primitive furnishings. The S.S. had a Soviet crew of five officers and 42 other members since 29 May and was to be completed by 1 December 1952. The S.S. Ausklis left port on 6 May 1952 when it was established that the general overhaul of her power plant could not be executed in the Larnarv Shipyards. She left port under her own power at a cruising speed of about 6 knots after two boilers had been provisionally repaired. A shipyard electrician who had been working aboard the S.S. Ausklis stated that the general overhaul of the propulsion plant would be made in Leningrad. 1

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Comments: The S.S. Yuri Dolgoruki, formerly S.S. Marburg, was constructed off Sassnitz/Sueren in 1950 and is to be completed by December 1952. The S.S. Sovetski Soyuz, formerly S.S. Hansa, is to be completed by late 1952. The S.S. Tudying is a sister ship to the S.S. Karelia and is to be completed by mid-1952.

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